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1. I CALLED ON DR. GEYER OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FEBRUARY 10 TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 10 OF REFTEL A, LEAVING WITH HIM AN INFORMAL PAPER CONTAINING THE INFORMATION IN REFTEL B CONCERNING THE PROPOSED VISIT TO THE GDR OF A U.S. PATENT DELEGATION. I ALSO LEFT WITH DR. GEYER A COPY OF THE PATENT AND LICENSING REPORT THAT EMERGED AS THE RESULT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ANCKER-JOHNSON'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN 1973.

2. DR. GEYER WAS AWARE OF THE DATES PROPOSED FOR THE DELEGATION VISIT BUT HAD RECEIVED NO SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONCERNING THE INTERESTS OF THIS DELEGATION FROM THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, HE PROMISED TO PROVIDE A PROMPT RESPONSE TO OUR PROPOSAL CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THE VISIT.

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3. IN MAKING THIS PRESENTATION, I REFERRED TO

AMBASSADOR COOPER'S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FISCHER, DREW UPON THE REPORT IN REFTEL A OF MR. HARTMAN'S DISCUSSION ON FEBRUARY 3 WITH AMBASSADOR SIEBER. I NOTED THAT THE DATE OF MY CALL MARKED THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE CONSULAR CONVENTION NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT IT WAS MY GOVERNMENT'S HOPE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH HAS SEEN ONLY TWO ROUNDS OF TALKS OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, WOULD REACH A SPEEDY CONCLUSION. DR GEYER REPLIED THAT THE LISTING OF OUTSTANDING ITEMS AT THE END OF THE SECOND ROUND SHOULD PROVE HELPFUL IN THE DISCUSSIONS IN MARCH AND EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT NOT VERY MUCH REMAINED TO BE RESOLVED. NEITHER OF US REFERRED TO THE NATIONALITY ISSUE.

4. DR. GEYER THEN SAID HE WISHED TO SEEK CLARIFICATION ON ONE OF TWO MATTERS THAT HAD ARISEN DURING THE HARTMAN-SIEBER CONVERSATION, HE ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE GDR EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT WITH A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL ON CALLS BY GDR MERCHANT SHIPS AT U.S. PORTS. I REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY. GEYER SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THERE WOULD BE A SPECIFIC PROPOSAL IN THE AREA OF SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS TO BE ADVANCED BY THE DEPARTMENT. I SAID THAT WHILE I HAD NO INFORMATION ON THIS POINT, I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE INITIAL PROPOSAL WOULD BE LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THE U.S. SIDE. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL, AND I REPLIED THAT THIS WAS CORRECT.

5. FINALLY, DR. GEYER RAISED FOR CORROBORATION THE MATTER OF A GDR TRADE OFFICE IN NEW YORK, PARA 4 REFTEL A, AND BILATERAL FISHERIES PROBLEMS, PARA 5 REFTEL A, ALONG THE LINES REPORTED BY THE U.S. SIDE IN ITS RECORD OF THE HARTMAN-SIEBER CONVERSATION, I WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM THE GDR READING.

6. DR. GEYER CLEARLY APPRECIATED NOT ONLY THE U.S. INITIATIVE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED VISIT OF A U.S. PATENT DELEGATION TO THE GDR BUT ALSO THE DEGREE OF SPECIFIC INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL B. THE EMBASSY WILL FORWARD TO THE DEPARTMENT GDR VIEWS REGARDING TIMING S

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